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SUBJECT: NAC SALT CONSULTATION

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1. IN FEBRUARY 13 NAC, SYG LUNS ANNOUNCED THAT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WAS PREPARED TO CONSULT ON SALT WITH PERMREPS AND EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS ON FEBRUARY 24. TO HEAD-OFF QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF OTHER DATES, LUNS SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WAS OPERATING ON VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE AND THAT FEBRUARY 24 WAS THEREFORE ONLY APPROPRIATE EARLY DATE. SINCE PERMREPS RAISED NO OBJECTIONS, FEBRUARY 24 IS NOW FIRM DATE FOR NAC DISCUSSIONS ON SALT.

2. ALTHOUGH NO ONE HAS YET RAISED POINT, MISSION ANTICIPATES QUESTIONS ON POSSIBILITY OF SALT EXPERTS SESSION TO FOLLOW COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS. IF ASKED, CAN MISSION INFORM OTHER DELEGATIONS THAT US WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING OF EXPERTS?

3. GIVEN TIMING FOR SALT CONSULTATIONS, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S APPROVED TEXT BY FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, TO PERMIT TIME FOR TYPING AND FOR REPRODUCING COPIES IN ADVANCE OF MONDAY MORNING MEETING.

4. A DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT FOR USE BY NATO SPOKESMAN ON
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FEBRUARY 24 SALT CONSULTATION FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

5. FOR SALT DEL TWO. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING NAMES, SECURITY CLEARANCES, TRAVEL PLANS AND HOTEL REQUIREMENTS OF SALT DEL

PARTICIPANTS IN FEBRUARY 24 MEETING.

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